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NO 17


WINTER is not over yet and you will need more winter clothes before the season is over.

THE CURRIE-NOYES ..

.. COMPANY



Still have quite a large line of Winter Clothing for both ladies and gentlemen which we are offering at a great sacrifice. We must make room for our large spring stock which will arrive soon. Don't miss this opportunity. Remember we will make bedrock figures from now until March 1st



Are aware that a great many grocery houses supply their customers with second class groceries but we never let groceries get out of store unless they are fresh and first class, hence when we get a customer we keep him. Let us give you a trial order and we feel sure you will be pleased

T. S. Vaughn of Bronte was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday.

D. P. Gay left Thursday afternoon on the east-bound train to look after business matters

Monroe Brewer made a flying business trip to Bangs Thursday returning on the night train.

John F. Drew came in last Tuesday from Menardville where he has been at work the past month.

Judge J. O. Woodward passed through Ballinger Thursday afternoon, on the way from San Angelo to Coleman, his home.

W. C. Bowden left with his family Wednesday for Brownwood to make his future home. We regret to lose Mr. Bowden from among us and trust he may find his new home pleasant as well as profitable.

Prof. Cox Resigns.

Prof. Cox, superintendent of our city schools, resigned Friday. So far the vacancy has not been filled. We have not learned what he intends to do, but it is rumored that he and J. Henry Davis intend going into business at Hillsboro. We are sorry to lose Prof. Cox from our town and trust he may find it pleasant as well as profitable in his new location.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Sunday, Feb. 8th, 1903.
Leader—Groves Key.
Song.
Prayer.
Subject—Bible Lessons from men that failed—Gen. 4:8-22; Judges 16:20-21; Samuel 3:11-14; Samuel 15:26-29.
Prayer.
Song.
Cain's failure—Clyde Cockrell.
Samson's failure—Howard Henley.
Eli's failure—S. W. Cobb.
Saul's failure—Herbert O'Bannon.
Quartette.
Paper—Shall I fail in my duty—Jewell Caperton.
Song and collection.
Roll call. Answer by quotations.
Benedictions.

Advertised Letter List.

Letters and wholly written Postal Cards remaining in the Ballinger, Texas Post Office, unclaimed for two weeks, at close of business on Saturday Dec 20, 1902. In calling for letters please say advertised stating date of this list.
Arledye, Mrs. Bettie.
Ellis, Miss Laura.
Heinhauser, Henry
Martens, W.
Powell, Stephens.
Sharp, G. S.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Feb. 4.—One of the most disastrous fires in the history of Oklahoma City occurred at 7 o'clock today, when the Lion store, the largest department store in the two Territories, caught fire from a defective furnace and was destroyed. The strong wind which prevailed made it necessary to secure firemen from Guthrie, El Reno and Norman to prevent the destruction of other buildings. They came on special trains.

Before the Lion store fire was under control another fire broke out in a row of frame buildings in the heart of the business district. The fire spread to other buildings, but the firemen managed to put the blaze out within an hour.

Fireman Miller of this city was suffocated and had to be carried from the burning building.

The losses and damage by the two fires are estimated as follows:

Lion store, loss \$75,000, insurance \$60,000.
Henry Will, building, loss \$14,000.
Rolater building, loss \$1,500.
T. M. Upshaw, F. M. Gault and R. J. Edwards, loss on furniture \$1,700.
Dr. Colter, dentist, loss \$1,000.
G. W. Sunery, furniture and

safe, loss \$1,000.

Stafford & Cooper, cotton buyers, loss \$3,000.

Drs. Cravens & Rely loss \$500.

Cook & Little, saloon, loss \$2,000.

Brown's fruit stand, loss \$1,200.

White's clothing store, loss \$2,500.

Wagner's restaurant, loss \$2,000.

The Lion store was the victim of a fire from a defective electric wire July 17 last and sustained a loss of \$50,000. The second fire was caused by the explosion of a gasoline stove in Wagner's restaurant.

The citizens this evening made up a purse for the firemen, and gave each \$10. In addition, they were furnished with new clothing who came from other cities, a parade, headed by a brass band, was given through the streets late in the afternoon. Prominent citizens, one hundred firemen and thousands of other men and boys took part.

It was stated tonight that two buildings, one a six and the other seven-story, would at once be erected on the sites, where the blackened and ruined walls now smoulder.—Dallas News

Winters News.

This time news is scarce. Every one seems to be going about very little and our little town is very quiet.

We have had all sorts of weather the past week, good, bad and indifferent, mostly the latter but now it has cleared up and things look better.

Mr. Tom Davis is hauling lumber for a new house to be put up north of town.

J. H. Rotramel sold a house and lot to J. W. King this week. Several of our citizens were in Ballinger this week.

Mr. C. E. Woodrow's little child is very sick and the doctors have little hopes for its recovery.

Leon Jarmon went to Abilene this week.

Our school is progressing nicely. The attendance continues to increase and the work done by the pupils is all that could be desired. Nor have they forgotten the library. This week Misses Ora, Celia and Daisy Hester presented the library with a set of cyclopedias that cost twenty-eight dollars. This with the number that we have and others that will be in soon makes us a very handsome library so if you wish to spend a few hours reading something good just come up to the school building and get a book or stay there and read as you like.

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Weekly Stock Report.

Ft. Worth, Tex. Jan 24, 1903.
—With lighter receipts of cattle at this point the past week we have been able to obtain a shade higher prices, perhaps a general average of 10% to 15% on all desirable killing cows. Fed steers, however, are only selling a little stronger, and thin canner cows at steady prices, while the fleshier kind of canners are selling proportionately higher to butcher cows. The run in sight for the coming week is expected to be smaller than the past week, and if this proves to be true we are sure to get higher prices. In fact we think the time has finally come when we will have no lower markets on beef cattle, and we expect to see them sell strong to higher until we have gained from 25% to 50% per 100 in the next 30 to 40 days. Our hog market is about 10% higher today than it was at the opening of the week. As we stated in our last letter, we still look for a higher market the coming week, as the receipts have been very light for the past week, not more than half enough to supply the demand. There have been 23 cars of hogs on the market this week, out of which we sold 11 cars. Out of these 11 cars, we sold two straight cars at \$6.35 per 100, which is the top for the week and for the past five months. We quote our market below as follows:

Steers—Choice fat...	\$2 25@3 85
Medium weight...	3 00@3 25
Light fat.....	2 50@2 75
Cows choice fat.....	2 60@2 85
Medium fat.....	2 00@2 40
Hogs sorted 100 lbs up	6 25@6 40
Mixed fat heavy...	6 10@6 25
Light fat.....	5 50@6 15
Bulls, stags and oxen	1 85@2 50
Canners.....	1 50@2 00

We give herewith a part of our last weeks sales:

HOGS		
No.	Average	Price
32.....	245.....	\$6 35
15.....	244.....	6 35
54.....	245.....	6 32
93.....	190.....	6 30
85.....	174.....	6 25
28.....	160.....	9 20
95.....	174.....	6 17
86.....	190.....	6 15
34.....	165.....	6 10
12.....	169.....	6 10
1117.....	140.....	6 00
STOCK HOGS		
39.....	106.....	4 50
76.....	149.....	5 00

122.....	95.....	5 25
SHEEP		
32.....	85.....	4 00
102.....	98.....	3 50
STEERS		
15.....	1014.....	3 45
28.....	857.....	3 15
35.....	790.....	3 00
COWS AND HEIFERS		
57.....	1080.....	3 00
3.....	840.....	3 00
1.....	900.....	2 90
6.....	718.....	2 80
50.....	954.....	2 70
32.....	928.....	2 70
27.....	932.....	2 65
22.....	940.....	2 65
27.....	792.....	2 65
27.....	814.....	2 62
12.....	475.....	2 25
1.....	1020.....	2 65
10.....	720.....	2 65
17.....	913.....	2 60
10.....	715.....	2 60
15.....	873.....	2 40
29.....	785.....	2 35
12.....	580.....	3 55
22.....	955.....	2 30
4.....	675.....	2 30
13.....	611.....	2 25
13.....	746.....	2 25
57.....	748.....	2 20
30.....	673.....	2 20
26.....	732.....	2 20
20.....	840.....	2 20
7.....	847.....	2 20
28.....	970.....	2 15
28.....	741.....	2 15
31.....	785.....	2 16
27.....	803.....	2 10
CANNERS		
19.....	710.....	2 00
21.....	696.....	2 00
31.....	593.....	1 65
11.....	760.....	1 65
BULLS		
1.....	1200.....	2 25
4.....	1000.....	2 25
5.....	1147.....	2 10
1.....	1160.....	2 30
5.....	1128.....	2 10
STERS		
19.....	749.....	2 60

Ft Worth Live Stock Com Co.

Ticket Brokers Plead Guilty.

The Western Passenger Association has been waging a relentless campaign upon "crooked" ticket brokers in Chicago. After a long and sensational trial Charles J. Allart and John A. Donahue were recently convicted of forgery and have been sentenced to the Illinois State penitentiary, where both are now serving on an undetermined sentence. They were first convicted for conspiracy and then pleaded guilty to several charges of ticket forgery. Because of their pleas Allart is liable to 98 years' imprisonment at Joliet and Donahue to 42 years. Two more alleged forgers are yet to be tried.

It is believed that as a result of this successful fight there will be fewer bogus tickets in the market and that a big leak in railroad passenger revenues will be stopped.

Warships for Galveston.

Galveston, Texas., Jan. 26.—A telegram was today received from Representative Burgess to the effect that the battleships Kearsage, Indiana, Iowa and Scorpion, with either the Texas or Illinois, will arrive here Feb. 18. Elaborate preparations will be made to receive the ships, the arrival of which will draw immense crowds from all over Texas.

Notice.

I hereby give notice that all parties that hunt, fish or get wood on my ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
H. C. WYLIE

Don't Marry a 25c man and Live at the Back of Somebody Else's Field.

It is better to attend a good, up-to-date commercial school and get a number one business education and learn to keep books and write 150 words of shorthand and 40 words on the typewriter per minute, and get from \$50 to \$150 per month—better by far than any 25c man.

We would advise you to attend the Tyler College, Tyler Texas, where the total cost of a full shorthand course is only about \$68, and the total cost of a business course about \$85; and the two when taken together cost about \$122. This includes board tuition and books—about one half the usual cost in other colleges.

Tyler College gives a good a business course as can be had anywhere in the United States and the best shorthand course in the world, or makes no charge. They have enrolled 148 new students since their mid winter opening January 5.

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Novel Method of Handling California Lemons.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway has devised a plan for handling California lemons in Chicago during the summer season of heavy demand and good prices. Lemons will be shipped during the winter, as they ripen, to the warehouses of cold storage companies in Chicago, and there held until the most advantageous time arrives for selling. The fruit will be picked in different localities and under varying conditions. Experiments will be made to determine what districts and what pickings are the best. Great things are expected of this novel co-operative scheme, whereby the growers, the railway company and the storage firms will participate equally in profits or losses. In making these shipments the Santa Fe will use its new refrigerator car, which is equipped with the siphon system, whereby all odors given off by the fruit are condensed and promptly removed, pure, dry air being substituted. The refrigeration charge has also been reduced very materially.

Newspaper Don'ts.

Don't discontinue a newspaper until you have squared up with it.

Don't abuse a paper unless you pay for it. Borrowers are the greatest fault finders a newspaper has to contend with.

Don't get mad if your visitor's name does not appear in the personal column. Perhaps you did not tell the editor and he is no mind reader.

Don't abuse a paper if it chooses to print something you do not consider worth reading. Those who read your part of the paper may consider it pure rot. A paper is built to please many, not one.—Newspaper

Agents Wanted.

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The soda crackers lose their own flavor and absorb the flavor of their neighbors

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Some new diamonds at Jas E Brewer's, see them

Jim Kelley spent Tuesday in San Angelo.

T. V. Trout of Crews, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

M. S. Edward's one of Content's substantial citizens, was on our streets Tuesday.

Mrs. R. A. Hall of San Angelo, visited friends in Ballinger the early part of this week.

Dr. Myrick, one of Crews leading physicians, was in town Tuesday transacting business.

Herbert Halley of Dallas, brother of our popular physician W. B., spent Sunday with the latter.

Lee and Dancer are now prepared to do better barber work than ever before. Give them a trial.

Miss Mary Cordill came in Tuesday afternoon from Miles where she has been visiting the past week.

Frank Pierce, Winters justice of the peace at Winters, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mrs. Lenard Phillips, of Santa Anna, spent several days this week the guest of her mother of this city, Mrs. Frank Miles.

Mrs. J. L. Freeman, of Oklahoma City, is visiting her sister of this city, Mrs. F. J. Williams. She came in last Saturday night.

Mrs. Fannie Flood of Rodgers Prairie, who has spent several months with her brother-in-law, W. A. Gustavus, left for her home, Monday.

J. B. Williams, brother of our popular lumberman F. J. Williams, who travels out of New Orleans, spent Sunday and Monday here.

Alfred Doose went down to Temple Tuesday on land business. He will visit Galveston, Fort Worth and other points before his return.

John W. Trapp, who was shot some time ago in Brownwood by Clark N. Jones, a supposed lunatic, while violently sneezing last Saturday extricated the bullet from his head. His physician was just preparing to take him to Chicago to have the bullet removed as it was slowly poisoning his system. His wife will speedily recover now.

Robert Bennett.

Austin, Tex. Jan. 31, 1903.
Hon. Robt. L. Bennett,
Ballinger, Texas.

Sir:

By the direction of the Governor, I have the pleasure to inform you that he tenders you the appointment of Aid de Camp with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on his personal staff.

In the event of your acceptance you are requested to execute and return to this office the enclosed oath of service, accompanied with remittance in New York or Austin Exchange or Postal or Express M. O., for one dollar, payable to the Secretary of State, to cover his fee for your commission.

Very Respectful'y,

THOMAS SCURRY,
Adjutant General.

We are indeed glad to note the honor conferred on our fellow townsman, Mr. Bennett. Bob enlisted in the Spanish-American war and is well fitted to fill the above mentioned position.

DRS. HALLEY & LOVE, Physician and Surgeons, Over Walker's Drug Store.

A Generation Ago coffee could only be bought in bulk. The 20th century way is the

LION COFFEE
way—sealed packages, always clean, fresh and retaining its rich flavor.

Dr. S. B. Raby went down to Brownwood last Saturday afternoon and spent Sunday with relatives, returning with his wife Sunday night.

J. D. McBeth, of whom we made mention last week's issue, as thinking of locating here has decided to come. His wife will run a dress-making establishment with The Hub and they will keep house up stairs over the Ostertag building.

A placard announcing "Fine Skating on Crystal Lake" prompted a well-known Reading man to indulge in that diversion the other day. Not having essayed it for some years he soon showed his want of practice by sitting down very unceremoniously on the ice, which operation he repeated at frequent intervals. One small boy, observing him in that position, skated up and said:

"Mister, you haven't got your skates on right."

Looking critically at his feet, the other asked: "How, then, would you have me fix them?"

"Fasten them to the seat of your pants," replied the youth as he glided swiftly away.—Philadelphia Ledger

Carnegie the Taxgatherer.

At the dedication of the new public library at Washington, dedicated to the Nation by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, in response to President Roosevelt's remarks Mr. Carnegie announced that during the past ten years he had given 760 libraries and that he now has under consideration more than 800 applications most of which will be granted.

Of all the men of colossal wealth Mr. Carnegie, more than any man of any time, appreciates the relation of his surplus to the public and he is giving it away as rapidly as possible. His doctrine that it is a crime to die rich is a startling way of putting the obligation of wealth.

But Mr. Carnegie in this speech delivered another sententious utterance. He said: "I am in the library manufacturing business and beg to be allowed to concentrate my time upon it until it is finished. This is not charity, this is not philanthropy, it is the people helping themselves by taxing themselves."

There is the truth in very plain form. Mr. Carnegie has been gathering taxes and he is returning them to the people. Under the protection of law, in the form of a high tariff and corporation favors, he has collected more than a proper fee for his services as a manufacturer. He has not earned his wealth by anything he has done. He may be credited with extraordinary foresight and business ability, and these deserve their reward. But they do not deserve the reward of so much money that it is doubtful whether he can really distribute it judiciously, so much so, indeed, that it grows faster than he is giving it away.

By his own philosophy he has

absorbed in business profits more than was his just recompense, and now he voluntarily assumes the function of trustee. It is commendable in him to take this view and follow this course. But what of the system of laws which makes persons taxgatherers?

Mr. Carnegie is only one of thousands who have thus taken the people's substance. He is the only one who rises to the elevated plane of conscience which requires redistribution. The others acknowledge no such obligation, and when they are moved to give anything to the public they pose as philanthropists. They are tax gatherers, as fully authorized by the government as if they had received an express commission, but are under no requirement to disburse their collections. We have today thousands of millionaires and billionaires who have acquired wealth by devious methods, some by evasion of the law, others in defiance of the law. Their accumulations are involuntary tax gatherings, and in the moral philosophy which Mr. Carnegie announces they are embezzlers. It would be too much to expect that they will all accept this view and begin to disgorge, but it is to be hoped the public will awake to the truth and renew its efforts to at least put a limitation upon their operations.

Wealth honorably and fairly acquired is to be encouraged, for it is a proper stimulus to effort and development, but the colossal fortunes of these latter days are simple loot under the warrant of law. If all men were as generously disposed as Mr. Carnegie we might afford to let the tax-gathering go on. Even then it would be proper to inquire whether we are ready to surrender the right to dispose of our taxes. We might prefer to put less in libraries and more in coal and clothes for the poor. But all men are not Carnegies, and so long as we permit the favorites of the law to tax the people so long will we endure the burdens they impose without compensation of any sort and so long will we encourage the crimes of commerce which are now vexing the Nation.

Whither are we drifting? Some time ago a wise fellow discovered that it was unhealthy for two people to occupy the same bed; later another found out that it was unsafe to ride in a car with other people, to attend church where other people attend; later an association of physicians decided that to kiss was to tempt death in all manner of hideous diseases. The very latest is the discovery of a French scientist that the practice of handshaking is a prolific source of spreading disease. If things keep up it will soon be unhealthy to be buried in the same graveyard with other people. The only place where a person can feel absolutely safe is at mid week prayer meetings. Nobody attends them.—Sulphur Springs Gazette.

Sam Jones says: "A Texan in a good humor and in good spirits cares less for money and will spend it quicker and care less what he spends it for than any fellow I know, but when he is blue and downcast, he keeps what he has and grumbles while he keeps it."

"Auction Sale of town lots at Maypearl postponed."

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The United States battleships will visit Galveston on the 18th, inst.

The good roads convention held a session in Temple and voted against a special tax for good roads.

The Thomas Jefferson Memorial association, through its president Admiral Dewey, has issued an appeal for funds to erect a suitable memorial to the author of the Declaration of Independence.



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County Court Proceedings.

County court met in regular session Monday with T. T. Crosson on the bench.

Two criminal cases were disposed of and several civil cases compromised. The following is the disposition of probate matters:

Guardianship Francis et al, report of appraisers approved and application to hypothecate insurance policies granted.

Estate M. S. Allison and S. N. Allison, will admitted to probate and E. C. Allison appointed executor.

Guardianship estate Mary Batts. T. J. Batts appointed guardian.

Guardianship estate Fred Alday, C. Dankenbring appointed guardian

Guardianship estate Lena Harcourt, guardian ordered to file annual account.

Guardianship estate minor heirs of W. T. Green, final account filed and clerk ordered to issue citation.

Guardianship estate Ed Ballou et al, Guardian ordered to file annual account

Guardianship estate Aletha Wright et al, guardian ordered to file annual account.

Guardianship estate Horace Murphy, annual account filed and continued to May term and clerk ordered to issue citation.

Guardianship estate Roy Mas-singae, final account filed and clerk ordered to give notice.

Guardianship estate Adele Miller, guardian ordered to file annual account.

Guardianship estate Francis Thiele, annual account approved and ordered recorded.

Guardianship estate, Thos. A. Rape et al, guardian ordered to file annual account.

Guardianship estate -- Murray et al, same order.

Guardianship estate Ruth B. Farrar, same order.

Administrator vs estate J. H. Douglass, Commissioners of petition appointed and ordered to report at this term of court.

Buy, sell or repair all kinds of second hand goods at Lankford's saddle shop.

The party of distinguished Boers visited San Antonio and were well entertained.

Several cases of smallpox have appeared at Tyler, San Augustine and Wortham.

Miss Giddy -- "I suppose you medical students have some gay times." Young Medicus -- "Yes, we do cut up quite a good deal."

The President probably hates the name of Mississippi. The State has too few bears and too many coons.--Hughes Spring New Era.

Lady (engaging a maid) -- "Was your last mistress satisfied with you?" Maid -- "Well mum, she said she was very pleased when I left!" -- Punch.

Mrs. Crimsonbeak -- "I see by this paper, John, that coal has been discovered in Sullivan county." Mr. Crimsonbeak -- "In whose cellar?"

A youngster was fooling around the tail end of a dog the other day. "Loo, out," said a careful aunt; "he'll bite." "No, no, antie, said the baby. "I'se not at the bittin' end." -- Glasgow Evening Times.

New Casaday Sulky

Show Me

Look carefully at all my fine points and then tell me confidentially, if you ever saw my equal. Take me into the Field, and Show Me. I will do more work for you than you ever dreamed a Sulky could do. I will make you money and money, and lots of it, every day you work me. Prices are right.

VAN PELT & KIRK

Whatever Is, Is Best.
I know as my life grows older
And mine eyes have clearer sight,
That under each rank wrong
somewhere,
There lies the root of right
That each sorrow has its purpose
By sorrowing oft unguessed;
But as sure as the sun brings
morning,
Whatever is, is best.
I know that each sinful action,
As sure as the night brings
shade,
Is somewhere, sometimes pun-
ished,
Though the hour be long delay-
ed;
I know that the soul is aided
Sometimes by the hearts unrest,
And to grow means often to suf-
fer;
Whatever is, is best.
I know there are no errors
In the great eternal plan,
And all things work together
For the final good of man;
And I know when my soul
speeds onward
In its good eternal quest,
I shall say as I look backward,
Whatever is, is best
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The Scorpion was formerly the yacht Sovereign and was bought for the navy at the outbreak of the war, during which she was commanded by Commander Adolph Marix who was serving under Sigsbee on the Maine when that vessel was blown up in the harbor of Havana. The Scorpion is 210 feet long, fitted with twin screws and is very fast and useful as a tender to the fleet. She gave a great account of herself during the war.

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Senor Carlos Escribana, a Peruvian gentleman, has written the shortest history on record. It is only 100 words in length, and was awarded a gold medal offered by the Society of the Founders of Independence, Lima, for the best history of Peru comprised within that number of words.

Why They Were Bitter.

Old Gentleman—Why do you shed such bitter tears, my boy? Boston Child (pausing in his grief)—Really, I cannot conceive that my tears differ as to their brackish quality from other lachrymose emissions. I have never heard of saccharine tears.—Philadelphia Press.

Maypearl

AUCTION SALE POSTPONED

The Auction Sale of town lots advertised to take place at Maypearl, the new townsite on the Fort Worth Division of the International & Great Northern Railroad, Thursday, February 5, has been postponed until a later date announcement of which will be made in due time.

Parties desiring to purchase lots at this new town prior to date of auction sale may do so by applying to the representative of the Smith Land and Improvement Company, who will be found in the I. & G. N. depot at Maypearl.

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No. 4. A good six-room dwelling, good picket fence around yard, water works, etc, two lots, price \$850. Easy terms.

No. 5. A good 4 room house; good cistern, good stable and outhouses, water works. Near the business part of town. Price \$700. \$4.50 cash, \$2.50 on time.

No. 6. A good six-room house 3 acres of ground, good stable, windmill, irrigated garden and vineyard, underground cistern, situated in the suburbs of Ballinger. Price \$1600.

No. 7. One hundred and six acre farm. Forty acres in cultivation. Seventy-five acres good valley land, balance good grass. Good three room house. Grainery. Schools and churches convenient. Price \$7 per acre.

No. 8. A nice six-room residence with halls, galleries and servant's room. Rock wall cellar under servant house. Under ground cistern, water works, nice lawn, rock walks, trees and shrubbery, good barn, lots, poultry house, irrigated garden, peach orchard and other fruits, 4 lots, near the business part of town, one and one half blocks from post office, in fact all modern conveniences. Would make a nice comfortable home or a nice location for a private boarding house. Improvements cost \$2000. Price \$1650. Terms made known on application. Would take nice, smooth cattle on trade at cash prices. For particulars call on Banner-Leader.

No. 9. A good 6-room dwelling, two galleries, halls etc. One lot. Good well. Located in the choicest residence portion of Ballinger. Price \$1000. Terms one-half cash, balance in two equal annual payments.

No. 10. 423 acres, all tillable land. 80 acres in cultivation. 2 good wells, one with windmill, both have unexhaustable water. Convenient to church, postoffice, and school. 17 miles from Ballinger. Price \$10.50 per acre, \$2500 cash, balance in two notes one and two years at 8 per cent. This is a rare bargain.

No. 11. 640 acres, 25 miles of Ballinger, 1 mile from Wingate on Valley Creek. 500 acres in cultivation. 3 improvements; All good land held at \$10 per acre, half cash, reasonable payments.

No. 12. 160 acres creek valley land; 50 acres in cultivation. Good two room house; good storm house 16x17; plenty of everlasting water 3 good springs; plenty of timber; land all fenced with 3 wire fence; field fence separate with 3 wires; 2 miles and half north east of Winters; three fourths of a mile from good school. Price \$10 per acre; half cash, balance 1, 2, 3 or 4 years, or to suit the purchaser if sold soon.

No. 13. 200 acres timber land 11 miles from Corsicana, fine line, suitable for cultivation

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15. 1044 acres near Lawn in Taylor county, Texas, two-thirds good farm land, all fine grass land, 55 acres in cultivation. Lasting stock water on creek that runs across the place. Plenty of mesquite wood to run the place. Two good plank lots, 50 foot shed 3 acres fenced with net wire for orchard and garden New \$1200 house. \$8.00 per acre. All cash but \$1350.

16. 640 acres, 5 miles south of Talpa. Good 3 room house and new good corral. Plenty of lasting water, but small field in cultivation, very little farm land on this section. Price \$4.25 per acre, easy terms.

17. 1280 acres, 3 miles south of Talpa, good frame house, good underground cistern, good windmill at spring 200 yards from house with system of water works which furnishes water for a surface tank at Corral also. A 1500 gallon cistern in yard for watering shrubbery. Plenty of stock water and good protection. Small field in cultivation. Price \$4.50 per acre.

18. 1820 acres 3 miles N. E. of Talpa on the Talpa and Glen Cove road. 100 acres in cultivation. 75 acres more adjoining can be tilled. 3 good wells, one windmill. 9 room house. 2 rent houses. About half of the land timber and half prairie. \$5 per acre. \$5,000 cash, balance in 1.2 or 3 years or 5 per cent discount for balance cash.

From now on I will publish a list of real estate listed with me for sale and parties desiring quick sales would do well to consult me. C. P. SHEPHERD.

New Settlers for the Southwest.

The new representative of the Santa Fe in Sweden reports to Chicago headquarters that there will be a heavy immigration from Sweden, Norway and Denmark next spring and summer to the great Southwest. The hard times in the north of Europe and the good times in our own country will influence thousands of hardy Swedes, Norwegians and Danes to cross the ocean and get a new home under Uncle Sam's flag. For the fiscal year ending June, 30,

1902, 54,000 settlers came to our shores from these three countries.

A project is also on foot to locate a thousand Africaner families from the Transvaal in Texas, New Mexico or Colorado. A committee of four Boers has looked over the ground for this last trek of the sturdy conquerors of the African wilderness. General Samuel Pearson, late quartermaster general of the South African Republic, represents the movement in America. A million acres will be bought at first, and if colonized successfully, it is thought that this exodus will be the fore runner of a heavy immigration from South Africa to the United States. The first thousand families will consist of the so-called Progressives, who are accustomed to high-class farming and grazing, being educated, intelligent men and women. The plan is to divide the land holdings into a thousand farms.

The movement of Eastern farmers to the Southwest still continues. A large colony of Dunkards from central Illinois expect to locate in the Arkansas Valley of eastern Colorado, where they will raise sugar beets and fruit. There is also a heavy demand by individual settlers for cattle ranches in western Kansas and western Oklahoma. A large colony of Dunkards and Quakers is negotiating for a tract of land in the San Joaquin Valley, California, along the Santa Fe.

Should Be a Law.

A strong effort will be made to prevail upon the present legislature to pass a law that will make it legal to garnishee a person's wages for debt. While there is a deep-seated prejudice against any measure of this kind, we believe if a bill limiting the sum liable to garnishee twenty five per cent, and make it applicable to single men only, there would be reasonable hope for its passage. There ought to be some way to compel an improvident young fellow who makes good wages who has no one to look after but himself, to pay the poor woman who washes his dirty linen and his landlady who feeds him. A bill that would call down this class of dead-beats ought to go through with a whoop.—Denison Gazette.

The representatives of the allies have submitted to their governments a compromise proposition and are urging its adoption. Large importations of arms and ammunition are being secretly made by the Chinese in violation of the agreement with the powers.

The returns from Texas towns show a great lack of interest among the taxpayers in paying their poll tax.

The prohibition campaign in Mississippi is becoming hot and the antis are trying to prove prohibition a failure.

Cardinal Gibbons in a sermon at Baltimore declared the divorce mills a social scourge more blighting than Mormonism.

Two cars broke from a train and rushed down an incline into the Mississippi, drowning a whole family.

Mr. Harvey and His Indians.

An Indian village has been established in connection with the Harvey exhibit of old and new Indian goods at the Alvarado, in Albuquerque, N. M. The various Indian industries will be there exemplified for the instruction of trans-continental travelers over the Santa Fe. The village comprises blanket-weavers, pottery makers, silversmiths and experts in basketry. Both bucks and squaws will busy themselves with Indian handicraft of all kinds, transplanting to their new temporary home all the strange life of the reservation, with its rich riot of color and its stolid stoicism. There will be Navajos, Mokis, Apaches, Supais and Mojaves, also representatives from the pueblos of Isleta, Acoma, Laguna and Zuni.

A branch of the Harvey collection has recently been opened in the Auditorium Annex, Chicago.

Helpful Reading

Some newspapers print matter to fill space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of THE SEMI WEEKLY NEWS to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

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has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experiences of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

Special Offer

If you are not taking THE BANNER-LEADER you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For \$1.80, cash in advance, we will mail you THE BANNER-LEADER and THE GALVESTON or THE DALLAS SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS for 12 months. The News stops when your time is out.

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Some years since the citizens of Laredo, Texas and New Laredo, Mexico, conceived the idea of fittingly celebrating George Washington's birthday, February 22, by suitable "Mexican-American" fiestas and parades, and from a small source this has grown to a magnificent Annual Event unsurpassed in its splendid surroundings and interesting particulars by anything of a similar nature.

International in its character, located on the border line between the Great Republics, occurring at a season of the year when business cares press lightly, and at a time when weather conditions in that locality are ideal, this event offers unsurpassed inducements to the pleasure seeker.

This year the festivities will consist of two days continuous festivities, February 22nd and 23rd, and the program, which is very elaborate, will comprise many new and interesting features, among which may be mentioned Famous Spanish Bull Fights, Grand Cattle Roping Contests, torchlight parades, embodying typical Mexican and Indian features. Naval fire works, Sham Battle and Capture of the city by the Indians. Military drills and display evolutions, Historical Pageants and Trades Display, Flower Carnival Band and Musical Contests, etc.

For this occasion low excursion rates will be in effect to Laredo, also for the benefit of those who desire to see more of Mexican life and customs, arrangements have been made for sale of excursion tickets to Monterey, Mexico, with ten day's limit, permitting stop-over at Laredo in order to witness the International celebration.

For further particulars, call on ticket agents or write.

D. J. PRICE,
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Notice.

I have all my old notes and accounts for collection and they must be closed up. Please call and attend to them at once.

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Cures Cholera-Infantum, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, and the Bowel Troubles of Children of Any Age. Aids Digestion, Regulates the Bowels, Strengthens the Child and Makes TEETHING EASY.

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Yours, etc., D. W. McIVER, Editor and Proprietor Tombago (Ala.) News.

It's Your Liver! Your appetite is poor, your heart "flutters," you have headaches, tongue is coated, bad breath, bowels constipated, bad taste in the mouth? If not all of these symptoms, then some of them? It's your liver.

Herbine is a natural vegetable remedy, containing no alcohol or narcotic poisons. It corrects any or all symptoms, makes your appetite and spirits good. At druggists 25 cents.

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This wonderful medicine positively cures Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Pneumonia, Hay Fever, Pleurisy, La-Grippe, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, Croup and Whooping Cough. Every bottle guaranteed. No Cure. No Pay. Price 50c. & \$1. Trial bottle free.

A Weak Stomach
Indigestion is often caused by over-eating. An eminent authority says the harm done thus exceeds that from the excessive use of alcohol. Eat all the good food you want but don't over-eat the stomach. A weak stomach refuses to digest what you eat. When you need a good digestant like Kodol, which digests your food without the stomach's aid. This rest and the wholesome tonics Kodol contains soon restore health. Dieting unnecessary. Kodol quickly relieves the feeling of fullness and bloating from which some people suffer after meals. Absolutely cures indigestion.
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Prepared only by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago. The \$1. bottle contains 2 1/2 times the 50c. size.

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Be sure that you get the original The Dorf's Black-Draught, made by The Chattanooga Medicine Co. Sold by all druggists in 25 cent and \$1.00 packages.
Morgan, Ark., May 25, 1901.
I cannot recommend The Dorf's Black-Draught too highly. I keep it in my house all the time and have used it for the last ten years. I never gave my children any other laxative. I think I could never be able to work without it on account of being troubled with constipation. Your medicine is all that keeps me up.
C. B. McFARLAND.

Cures Rheumatism and Catarrh Medicine Sent Free.
These two diseases are the result of an awful poisoned condition of the blood. If you have aching joints and back shoulder blades, bone pains, crippled hands, legs and feet, swollen muscles, shifting sharp biting pains, and that tired discouraged feeling of rheumatism, or the hawking spitting blurred eyesight, deafness, sick stomach, headache, noises in the head, mucous throat discharges, decaying teeth, bad teeth, bad breath, belching gas of catarrh, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.). It kills the poison in the blood which causes these awful symptoms, giving a pure, healthy blood supply to the joints and mucous membranes, and makes a perfect cure of the worst rheumatism or foulest catarrh. Cures where all else fails. Blood Balm is composed of pure Botanic ingredients, good for weak kidneys. Improves the digestion, cures dyspepsia. A perfect tonic for old folks by giving them new, rich, pure blood. Thoroughly tested for thirty years. Druggists, \$1 per large bottle, with complete directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special free medical advice sent in sealed letter.

The trolley car strike at Waterbury, Conn., assumed riotous proportions.
Nearly Forfeited His Life.
A runaway almost ending fatally started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for burns, bruises, skin eruptions and piles. 25c at J. Y. Pearce's drug store.

Cancer Cured
Mr. W. W. Prickett, Smithfield, Ills. writes, Sept. 10th, 1901: I had been suffering several years with a cancer on my face which gave me great annoyance and unbearable itching. I was using Ballard's Snow Liment for a sore leg and by accident I rubbed some of the liment on the cancer, and as it gave me almost instant relief, I decided to continue to use it on the cancer. In a short time the cancer came out my face healed and there is not the slightest scar left. I have implicit faith in the merits of this preparation and it cannot be too highly recommended. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 For sale by E. D. Walker.

An American chamber of commerce has been organized at Berlin, one of its objects being to adjust the differences between German and American firms.

The Easy Pill.
DeWitt's Little Early Risers do not gripe or weaken the system. They cure biliousness, jaundice, constipation and in active ivers, by arousing the secretions, moving the bowels gently, yet effectually, and giving such tone and strength to the glands of the stomach, liver and bowels that the cause of the trouble is removed entirely. These famous little pills exert a decided tonic effect upon the organs involved, and if their use is continued for a few days there will be no return of the trouble. E. D. Walker.

French railroads are to adopt a new system of protection to their trains, using the rails as a means of telephoning.

One Minute Cough Cure gives relief in one minute, because it kills the microbe which tickles the mucous membrane, causing the cough, and at the same time clears the phlegm and heals and soothes the affected parts. One Minute Cough Cure will strengthen the lungs, ward off pneumonia, and is a harmless and never failing cure in all curable cases of coughs, colds and croup. One Minute Cough Cure is pleasant to take, harmless and good alike for young and old. E. D. Walker.

The transport Thomas sailed for the Philippines with more than 1000 passengers.

Cured Consumption
Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months; the doctors stated he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup and it cured him. That was six years ago, and since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds, it has no equal." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at E. D. Walker's drug store.

Representative negro citizens of Richmond, Va., held a meeting and adopted resolutions denouncing James H. Hay's Washington speech as incendiary.

Are You Restless at Night?
And harassed by a bad cough? Use Ballard's Horehound Syrup, it will secure you sound sleep and effect a prompt and radical cure. 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 bottles at E. D. Walker's drug store.

A Weak Stomach.
Causes a weak body and invites disease. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures and strengthens the stomach, and wards off and overcomes disease. J. B. Taylor, a prominent merchant of Chriesman, Tex., says: "I could not eat because of a weak stomach. I lost all strength and run down in weight. All that money could do was done, but all hope of recovery vanished. Hearing of some wonderful cures effected by use of Kodol, I concluded to try it. The first bottle benefited me, and after taking four bottles I am fully restored to my usual strength, weight and health." E. D. Walker.

The Southern Pacific has reached an agreement with its firemen on the question of wages granting an increase of from 6 to 12 per cent.

Weak and Low-Spirited
"I can strongly recommend Herbine as a medicine of remarkable efficacy for indigestion, loss of appetite, sour taste in the mouth, palpitation, head ache, drowsiness after meals with distressing mental depressions and low spirits. Herbine must be a unique preparation for cases such as mine, for a few doses entirely removed my complaint. I wonder at people going on suffering or spending their money on worthless things, when Herbine is procurable, and so cheap." 50c a bottle at E. D. Walker's drug store.

The plague situation in Mazatlan shows no marked improvement.

Escaped an Awful Fate.
Mr. H. Haggins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by J. Y. Pearce, druggist. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

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The only positive cure for blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, cuts, burns, bruises, eczema and all abrasions of the skin. DeWitt's is the only Witch Hazel Salve that is made from the pure, unadulterated witch hazel—all others are counterfeits. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is made to cure—counterfeits are made to sell. E. D. Walker.

The attitude of the allies has excited great irritation at Washington.

Mysterious Circumstance.
One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c at J. Y. Pearce's drug store.

Modern Definitions.
University—An excuse for hoisting the price of oil.
Profit sharing—Dust thrown in the eyes of the public.
Tariff reform—A political ping-pong game played by republicans.
Community of interest—Dividing the swag.
Shackles—Obs. See strenuous.
Strenuous—Obs. See shackles.
Reciprocity—Getting something for nothing without letting the other fellow know it.
World Power—An excuse for crime.—The Commoner.

Better Than Gold.
"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicine I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by J. Y. Pearce.

The answer of the allies was a rejection in toto of Mr. Bowen's proposition for equal treatment of all claimants.

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Bring your cotton to the Ice Factory Gin. We will gin and wrap your cotton for the seed and pay you in addition \$5.00. Will pay more or less as the price of cotton seed varies. The Ice Factory Gin.

To the Farmers.
We will gin and wrap your cotton for the seed and pay \$5.00 extra as long as present prices prevail. Will pay more or less as the price of seed goes up or down. BALLINGER MILLING CO.

Notice.
Parties holding vendor loan notes on farm or ranch property and desiring to sell same for cash can do so by calling on me. C. P. SHEPHERD.

The quality and beauty of my watches and jewelry are unexcelled. Jas. E. Brewer.
—W. W. Fowler, physician and surgeon over Walker's.

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N. J. Parrish made a business trip to Brownwood Thursday.

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Ginners, you can get plenty of bagging and ties at the Currie-Noyes Co.

There was a hung jury in the Jonathan Miles case at San Antonio last week.

R. B. Truly spent several days this week in Austin on legal business.

J. Henry Davis left Thursday for Hillsboro to look after some business matters.

Lee Odom, representing Padgett Bros., of Waco, made Ballinger Wednesday.

County court met last Monday and has been quite busy grinding out business all week.

Walter Tally and father of Crews were transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Out of 1600 assessed polls 1460 paid their poll tax in this county which is one of the best records in the state.

Uncle Dan Ahrenbeck has been confined to his room this week with la grip but as we go to press he is much better.

Don't use old sacks and wire to wrap your cotton but go to Currie Noyes Co. and get bagging and ties. They have them in abundance.

W. C. Penn went up to Angelo Tuesday night and on Wednesday loaded out 100 bales of cotton from that point, came down to Miles on the afternoon train and loaded out 50 bales from that point and came on to Ballinger that night.

For Sale.

The Ballinger Electric Light plant. Machinery all new and first-class. A good chance for some man to operate a paying business. My reason for wanting to sell is that other lines of business require my time and attention. For terms and particulars call on or write

W. J. MILLER, Ballinger, Texas.

Notice.

We still have some complaints from our subscribers, also some threats to remove telephones if they continue to be troubled to call their neighbors to their telephones for other people. We have asked through the paper heretofore and now appeal again. Is it possible that our patrons most suffer for the non subscriber who is of no interest to them. Will each reader of this please take heed to this when you go to call up and have another called to the telephone. Central Texas Telephone Co.

"Auction Sale of town lots at Maypearl postponed."

Content.

Well, here is another letter from Snowball. Everthing is all right out here. We have the finest prospects for a good crop that we have had since 1900

The C. M. A. boys of Buffalo Gap have separated and part of them have organized at Coats. It goes by the name of Cedar Valley.

There have been two funerals here this week. One was T. M. Rosson's baby and the other was Riley Beacham's baby.

Mr. Edd Downing of Tuscola died Sunday night and was buried Monday eve.

There is a strong talk of that railroad from the north coming to Abilene again.

C. F. Freeman must be going to stock up for he sent three wagons to town Sunday and returned Tuesday night.

Anybody want a good mountain pasture? If so write to Snowball and he will insure that there are plenty of rocks to throw at the birds. They will be thrown in free.

What is the matter with Winters? They didn't have any thing in last week's paper. They had better stir up or Content will get ahead of them.

You have heard of Arkansas being noted for squirrels and that they gather in hollow trees so that a person can see a tree give when they breathe. Charley Miller is going there next week to fight them out to keep them from ruining all the timber. I think he is doing a grand thing for Arkansas, don't you?

Snowball will have to go to a different country for it is getting warm. He will just about melt or the people will melt him putting their milk crocks on h.m.

Mr. Jones Montgomery was in town today.

A phone message came from Jones county to Mr. Freeman that his daughter's house had burned and two of her children were burned in it.

The Baptists had a big day here last Sunday. Bro. Hicks, the missionary, Bro. Dunlap of Glen Cove, Bro. Maddox of Coleman, and the pastor, Bro. Adams, were all here and we sure had a fine time.

Mrs. May Rosson has been very sick with pneumonia, but she is a little better now we are glad to state.

Dr. Smith and Mr. Moore left here last week for Miles Station to transact some business and won't be back for two or three weeks.

The Content gin made their last run for this season last Monday and ginned three bales. They have ginned about 280 bales.

Well this is all from Snowball

for this time Look for me again in a few weeks.

Snowball.

From San Angelo Press.

W. D. Currier, the real estate man, was in the city Wednesday and made the Press one of his very much appreciated visits. He has secured office room in the Spence building and expects to be with us, with Mrs. Currier, in about 30 days.

N. J. Wardlaw, the Runnels county stockfarmer, and one of the "few" friends of the Press in that county was in the city last week, with "chickens butter'n' eggs." That's the kind of farming that pays, always have something to take to town to sell.

Miss Edna Lewis, of Ballinger, who has been the guest of Mrs. H. C. Sandefur for the past month, returned home last Thursday in response to a telephone message announcing the serious illness of her father, Rev. I. N. Lewis.

A Question.

Mr. Editor:

In commoa with other citizens of the city, we would like to know what advantage is gained by refunding the \$16,500 water works bonds at a saving of 1% per year, by increasing the bonded indebtedness \$1100, and using all available cash now in the treasury, together with the sinking fund, thus leaving the city without funds for current expenses and street improvements for the next twelve months. The saving in interest would be \$110 per year, and it would take ten years to save enough to offset the \$1100 increase in the bonded indebtedness not counting the expense of refunding the bonds.

John Hoffer

Cicero Smith, of Mineral Wells, was in Ballinger the early part of this week looking after the interests of his lumber business.

Don Cameron of Coleman was in Ballinger Monday the guest of friends.

To the Public.

I will be located in the future in the Spence building in San Angelo and will continue to look after the land business in the Miles country.

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